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It is respectfully requested that the application be amended, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1-39. (Cancelled)

40. (New) A method of treating a hyperproliferative disease of the skin subject to treatment by inhibition of the retinoic acid biosynthetic pathway, said disease selected from the group comprising:

psoriasis, acne vulgaris, actinic ketatosis, solar keratosis, squamous carcinoma *in situ*, ichthyoses, hyperkeratosis and disorders of keratinisation such as Darrier's disease; comprising administering, to a patient in need thereof, an inhibitor of the retinoic acid biosynthetic pathway comprising a compound selected from the group comprising: carbenoxolone, phenylarsine oxide, citral, 4-methylpyrazole, disulphiram and 3-mercaptopropionic acid.

41. (New) A method of treating a hyperproliferative disease of the skin subject to treatment by inhibition of the retinoic acid biosynthetic pathway, said disease selected from the group comprising:

psoriasis, acne vulgaris, and hyperkeratosis; comprising administering, to a patient in need thereof, an inhibitor of the retinoic acid biosynthetic pathway comprising a compound selected from the group comprising: carbenoxolone, phenylarsine oxide, citral, 4-methylpyrazole, disulphiram and 3-mercaptopropionic acid.

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42. (New) A method of treating psoriasis comprising administering, to a patient in need thereof, an inhibitor of the retinoic acid biosynthetic pathway comprising a compound selected from the group comprising: carbenoxolone, phenylarsine oxide, citral, 4-methylpyrazole, disulphiram and 3-mercaptopropionic acid.

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